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SUBJECT: BIODATA - IMRE HERBER AND LASZLO SALGO

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1. FOLLOWING DIODATA IS SUBMITTED IN FURTHER RESPONSE TO
REFTEL.

2. IMRE HERBER. HEBER IS A LAYMAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL REPRESENTATION OF HUNGARIAN JEWS. HE WAS BORN
JAN 29, 1923, IN BUDAPEST. BEFITTING HIS RELIGIOUS POSITION,
HE BELONGS TO THE HUNGARIAN PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S FRONT. HE
VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1977 TO
ATTEND THE WORLD JEWISH CONFERENCE. HE IS SHORT, SQUARE-
FACED, STOCKY, AND HAS WHITE HAIR. HE SPEAKS FREELY WITH
EMBASSY STAFF CONCERNING THE STATUS OF HUNGARIAN JEWRY AND
HAS ATTENDED EMBASSY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS SEVERAL TIMES. HEBER
IS MARRIED; SPEAKS GERMAN, SOME HEBREW AND NO ENGLISH.

3. DR. LASZLO SALGO. DR. SALGO IS HUNGARY'S CHEIF RABBI
AND BY HIS OFFICE A LEADER IN THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATION
OF HUNGARIAN JEWS. LIKE HEBER HE ATTENDED THE
WORLD JEWISH CONFERENCE THIS YEAR IN THE UNITED
STATES. HE IS OF AVERAGE HEIGHT, SOLIDLY BUILT
AND WEARS A GOATEE. SALGO BELONGS TO THE PATRIOTIC
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PEOPLE'S FRONT. HE HAS BEEN FRANK AND CORDIAL IN
HIS SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. LIKE
HEBER, DR SALGO IS WELL SATISFIED WITH THE POSITION
OF JEWS IN HUNGARY AND CONTRASTS THEIR STATUS HERE
WITH THE LESS FAVORABLE STATUS OF JEWS IN SOVIET UNION
AND ROMANIA. DR. SALGO IS MARRIED, SPEAKS GERMAN,
SOME HEBREW AND SOME ENGLISH.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING TO DEPARTMENT DEC 9, BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES AND PHOTOS OF BISHOP TIBOR BARTHA, BISHOP ZOLTAN KALDY, AND SANDOR PALOTAY. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN PROMISED BIOGRAPHIES AND PHOTOS OF MR. HEBER AND DR. SALGO BY THEIR SECRETARY AND HOPT TO RECEIVE SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF MRS. APRO AND MRS. PUJA BY MFA. WE WILL SEND CABLED SUMMARIES OF THESE MATERIALS WHEN THEY ARE RECEIVED AND FOLLOW-UP BY POUCHING FULL VERSION OF BIOGRAPHIES TO DEPARTMENT.

5. BUDAPEST 4116 CONTAINS SOME INTERESTING BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL CONCERNING MRS. KADAR WHOM WE WOULD POINT OUT HAS SOME INFLUENCE ON HER HUSBAND WITH REGARD AT LEAST TO SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS MATTERS.
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